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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS' RESIGNATION

PASS TO STATUS LNO FOR MNS RELEASE

THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD ACCEPTED WITH DEEP REGRET AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS' RESIGNATION AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1976. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS INFORMED THE WHITE HOUSE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA FOUNDATION HE WOULD HAVE TO RELINQUISH HIS DUTIES AS CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR IN JULY.

THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT "AMBASSADOR

WILLIAMS SUCCESSFULLY LED THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTHERN MARIANAS DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS THAT RESULTED IN THE HISTORIC COVENANT TO
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ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE

PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS TO SEE THROUGH TO COMPLETION THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS

OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THESE TALKS UNDER AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS' LEADERSHIP. THE PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZES THE AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE TO GIVE FULL ATTENTION TO HIS DUTIES WITH THE ASIA FOUNDATION. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET, THEREFORE, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION."

THE FULL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS' LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWS AND THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY OF JULY 22, 1976.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE HONOR OF HAVING SERVED AS YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

AS YOU KNOW THE TALKS WITH THE NORTHERN MARIANAS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED AND THESE ISLANDS ARE NOW WELL ON THEIR WAY TO BECOMING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY. PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE CAROLINES AND THE MARSHALLS HAS BEEN SLOWER, BUT PROGRESS NEVERTHELESS HAS BEEN MADE AND THE REMAINING ISSUES HAVE BEEN GREATLY NARROWED. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THEIR EARLY RESOLUTION WILL THEN ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO CHOOSE IN A FREE AND OPEN PLEBISCITE THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP.

I WISH IN MANY WAYS THAT I COULD SEE THE NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH TO THEIR COMPLETION AND TO ASSIST IN SEEING THE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE CONGRESS AS WELL BUT AS GENERAL SCOWCROFT KNOWS, I HAVE FOR SOME TIME NOW BEEN HOPING TO BE RELIEVED OF MY MICRONESIAN RESPONSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO GIVE MY FULL ATTENTION TO THE ASIA FOUNDATION. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD THEREFORE, LIKE TO TENDER MY UNCLASSIFIED

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RESIGNATION TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 31, 1976.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE INTEREST YOU HAVE TAKEN IN MY WORK AND FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN ME. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE SERVED AS YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE - A PRIVILEGE WHICH I SHALL ALWAYS CHERISH.

WITH MY WARMEST BEST WISHES.

- RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

- /S/ AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS
- THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
- FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500"

"DEAR HAYDN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 8. IT IS WITH DEEP
REGRET THAT I ACCEPT YOUR RESIGNATION AS MY PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, EFFECTIVE
JULY 31, 1976, AS YOU REQUESTED.

IN DOING SO, I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY
PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION. THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME AS
MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, THE OUTSTANDING HUMAN AND
PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES WHICH YOU HAVE DISPLAYED HAVE WON
YOU THE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT OF ALL WITH WHOM YOU HAVE
WORKED. YOUR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION WITH THE NORTHERN
MARIANAS OF THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT BROUGHT ABOUT AN
HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT IN SELF-DETERMINATION. FURTHERMORE,
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE CONSIDERABLE
PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE
TRUST TERRITORY.

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ALTHOUGH I REGRET THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO
SEE THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THEIR CONCLUSION, I
RECOGNIZE YOUR DESIRE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE FULL ATTENTION
TO YOUR DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA FOUNDATION. YOU
MAY BE SURE THAT YOU TAKE WITH YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES
FOR EVERY SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD"

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